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Equestrian Ballet Performer

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horse is only on stage during a show performance for 3 to 7 minutes.

She spends the next few hours

with the horses in their stalls, before a stable hand releases them outside for an hour or so of relaxation while she eats dinner.

The horses are then cleaned and washed, and following a meeting with the performers, Ferguson is soon stretched with hair and make-up routines in order to be ready for the next 8 p.m. performance.

"It's exciting to perform," she said.

A native of Virginia who first learned to ride when she was just five-years-old, she rarely gets nervous, but admits to being anxious.

When performers are not mentally prepared and looking out for the safety of co-workers and the animals, that's when stuff can go wrong, she said.

Thankfully, Ferguson has never been seriously injured. Her countless performances have been watched by thousands of spectators from cities across the nation including New York, San Francisco, and Chicago, and in Europe.



Fairland Ferguson

Ferguson's life is busy, and pretty much defined by horses and performing, but when she does get time off between shows, she likes to explore the city and spend time with her own horses at home.

"It's great to love what you do, and I do," she said.

Cavalia has gotten good reviews during its Portland run. The show continues through Jan. 2.

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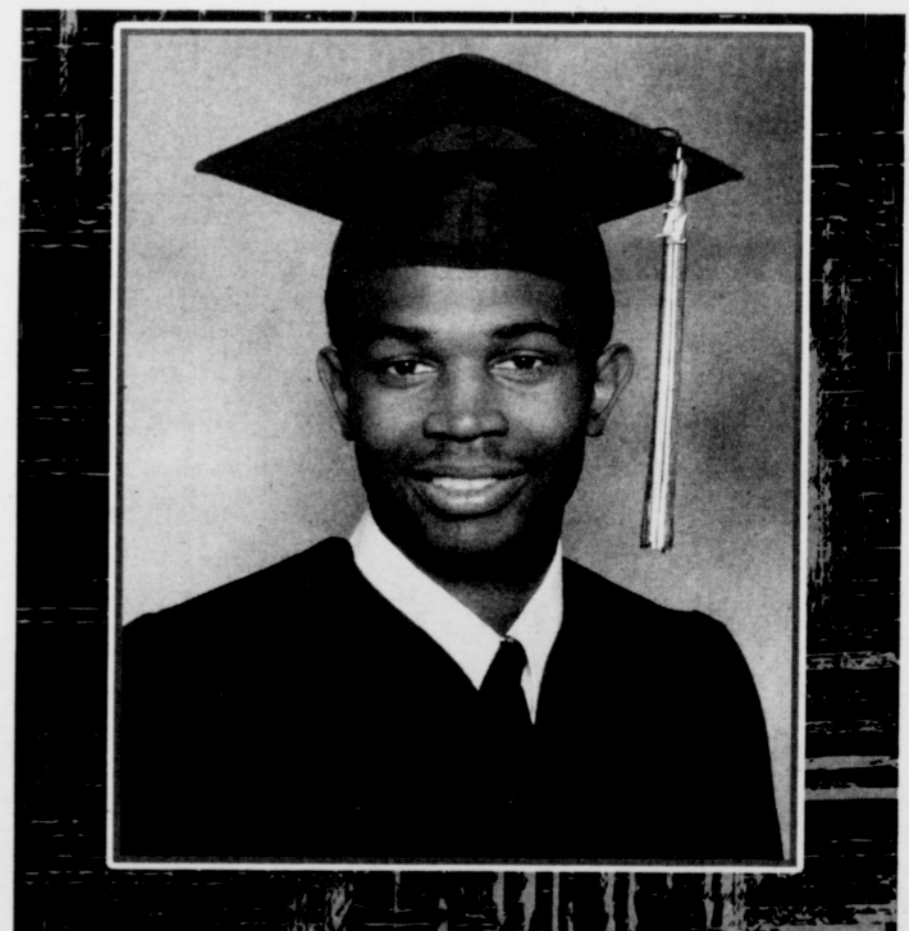
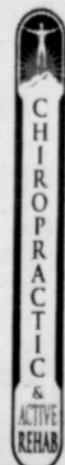
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